



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday, October 4, 2021– Google Meet, 6pm

Google meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/dns-tmps-ybm>

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2. Please type "x" into the chat if you'd like to be placed on the speakers' list.
3. You will be asked to vote yes or no in the chat during motions - you can always abstain if you'd like.

Attendance: Nag, Muir, Hernandez, Bisnar, Roxas, Scholz, Fassnacht, Froese, Jacobs, Parveen

Staff: Talman, Hardman, Campo, Robertson

Regrets: Chutter, Berman, Banville, Dodds, Pollard, Pathak, Gupta

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nag called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION 01 - FROESE/BISNAR

To replace Nag with Froese.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021/10/04: 01 - FROESE/BISNAR

WHEREAS the UVSS Board of Directors values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with live streaming Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore,

BIRT the Board approves the livestreaming of the October 4, 2021 Board meeting on the UVSS Facebook page; and,

BIFRT this video be kept on the UVSS Facebook page until the minutes from this meeting are ratified.

MOTION CARRIED

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Bisnar acknowledged the land.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. **2021/10/04**

MOTION TO ADOPT - FASSNACHT/BISNAR

MOTION TO AMEND - ROXAS

To add Froese, Dodds, Pollard and Fassnacht directors' reports

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - HERNANDEZ/

To add list of clubs and course unions to motions 03, 04, 05

MOTION CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes

i. **2021/09/27**

MOTION TO ADOPT - HERNANDEZ/JACOBS

MOTION TO AMEND - ROXAS/JACOBS

Amend Roxas's directors' report to remove 8.5 hours from last week's minutes in Q's board report and the words "food safe course"

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PRESENTATIONS

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. REPORTS

a. EXCLUDED MANAGERS

b. PORTFOLIOS

1. Campaigns and Community Relations
2. Finance and Operations
3. Outreach and University Relations
4. Student Affairs
5. Events
6. International Student Relations

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

1. Electoral
2. Executive Committee
3. Food Bank & Free Store

4. Peer Support Centre

CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU

1. GEM
2. NSU
3. Pride
4. SOCC
5. SSD

7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

8. EMAIL MOTIONS

MOTION 2021/09/27 - POLLARD/BERMAN

BIRT the Board approves the following statement regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zdOpE4E5w3rQvVZcNpYs7WRzDd-t058rca7p8V9O754/edit?usp=sharing>

MOTION CARRIED

9. MAIN MOTIONS

MOTION TO REPLACE CHAIR - ROXAS/PARVEEN

Replace Nag as chair with Roxas.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021/10/04: 02 - NAG/BISNAR

WHEREAS financial planning is essential for functioning affairs of the UVSS; and,
WHEREAS we now have a fiscal roadmap for the rest of the financial year; therefore,
BIRT the Board of Director accepts the [UVSS Budget 2021-2022](#).

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO REPLACE CHAIR - PARVEEN/MUIR

To Replace Roxas as chair with Nag.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO OMNIBUS MOTIONS 03,04,05 - HERNANDEZ/BISNAR

MOTIONS CARRIED

MOTION 2021/10/04: 03 - HERNANDEZ/

BIRT the following list of course unions are allocated Publication funding:

- English Students' Association \$600.00
- PHSP Student Association \$170.00
- History Undergraduate Body \$600.00
- Undergraduates of Political Science \$499.00
- UVIC Writing Undergraduate Course Union (UWUCU) \$400.00

MOTION 2021/10/04: 04 - HERNANDEZ/

BIRT the following list of clubs and course unions are allocated Travel Pool funding”

- UVic Mountain Biking Club \$500.00
- PHSP Student Association \$715.00
- UVic Ecological Restoration Club \$491.80
- Uvic Formula Hybrid \$300.00
- UVic Concrete Canoe \$500

MOTION 2021/10/04: 05 - HERNANDEZ/

BIRT the following list of clubs and course unions are allocated Academic funding:

- Computer Music Course Union \$1,650.00
- English Students' Association \$1,840.00
- Computer Music Course Union \$500

**OMNIBUSSED MOTIONS 03,04,05 - HERNANDEZ/BISNAR
MOTIONS CARRIED**

RECOMMENDED BY POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION 2021/10/04: 06 - HERNANDEZ/SCHOLZ

BIRT the following **Special Resolution** be added to the October 28, 2021 UVSS Annual General Meeting agenda:

MOTION 2021/10/28: 00 - DODDS/

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 - GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

WHEREAS UVSS Bylaws state that, “Referenda then general meetings respectively, shall be considered the highest authorities within the Students' Society”; and,

WHEREAS referenda provide UVSS members an opportunity to vote on UVSS business that concerns the student body at large, such as altering student fees; and,

WHEREAS quorum for general meetings is much lower, at 0.6% of membership; and,

WHEREAS altering student fees to meet the needs of UVSS groups such as the Anti-Violence Project, Advocacy Groups, the International Student Relations portfolio, and to fund affordability and sustainability initiatives such as increasing funding for OERs (Open Education Resources) cannot be done without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS UVSS referendum questions are predominantly voted in favour by students, yet they often fail to meet quorum and therefore are not binding; and,

WHEREAS the referenda quorum for many other universities and colleges in British Columbia, such as Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Island University, and Camosun College are 5%; therefore,

BIRT Bylaw 4.7 and 4.8 are amended as follows:

4.7 Referenda

- a. In addition to Annual, Semi-Annual, and Special General Meetings, the members may vote on resolutions concerning the business of the Students' Society by means of a referendum.
- b. Referenda may be called at any time between the months of September to April inclusive by:
 - i. a two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors where at least two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] of directors are present, and where notice has been given on the board meeting agenda; or
 - ii. a requisite of ten percent [10%] of the membership; or
 - iii. as otherwise required by the Societies Act of British Columbia.
- c. Quorum for a referendum shall be **five percent [5%]**~~fifteen percent [15%]~~ of the voting membership.
- d. Initiation of a fee referenda for a Subsidiary Organization will be as outlined in the individual Subsidiary Organization constitution.
- e. For any alteration of a Subsidiary Organization fee quorum shall be ten percent [10%] of the membership of the Subsidiary Organization, with a majority of those voting approving the change.

4.8 Quorum for General Meetings ~~and Referenda~~

- a. Quorum for General meetings shall be six tenths of one percent [0.6 %] of the membership subject to the Societies Act.
- b. In the event that attendance at an Annual General Meeting is more than twenty [20] but less than six tenths of one percent, the meeting will continue for the purposes of fulfilling the Societies Act of British Columbia, but shall be limited to the following items of business:
 - i. report of the activities of the Board of Directors
 - ii. members' questions on the activities of the Board of Directors
 - iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited financial statements
 - iv. adoption of the previous general meeting's minutes

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - BISNAR/MUIR

The meeting moved in camera at 6:42pm.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **IN-CAMERA**
 - a. **Legal**

b. Personnel Committee Report

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - BISNAR/MUIR

The meeting moved out of camera at 6:45pm

MOTION CARRIED

11. MEETING TIMES

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, October 18th, 2021 on Zoom (online).**

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Dipayan Nag (34 hours)

- Internal Meeting
 - Meeting with ZAP Copy.
 - Portfolio Meeting
- Board and Committee Meetings
 - Board Meetings
 - Finance and Operations Committee
- ASM Hiring Committee
 - Job Description editing
 - Job posting
- Portfolio Work
 - Finance Audit
 - Global Budget
 - Business Plans
 - SUB Marketing Ideas
- Other Administrative and Miscellaneous tasks
 - Replying to emails.
 - Cheque Approving
 - Agendas and Minutes for Meetings

Q Roxas (18.5 hours)

- **Admin (3.0)**
 - catching up on emails after days off
- **Meetings and Committees (4.5)**
 - Meeting with OSL & Leads
 - Meeting with Roger and Dale re Fel's events
 - Member Outreach
 - Meeting with NSU and SOCC
 - Meeting with Mariel

- Meeting with CCG
- Meeting with Pride
- **Events Portfolio (4.0)**
 - Shuttle bus
 - Scheduling shuttle bus for students before reading break
 - Hot Lunch
 - Meetings re hot lunch, rescheduling Oct and Nov schedule
 - Planning logistics for Oct events
 - Creating November tentative schedule
 - Book Club
 - Planning Book Club outreach plan

Maríel Hernández (42.5 Hours)

Meetings and Committees

- Attended Member Outreach, Events, and Fin Ops committees. Leads and Executive meetings.
- Hosted Sep 27 ARC
- Attended UVic Meetings: OSL on Sep 29

Hiring (14 hours)

- Vice-President Academic and Provost Appointment Committee October 2 and 3

Clubs and Course Unions

- Process Cheque Requisitions. Finalize funding with accounting, update website. Answer space booking questions, funding applications, and insurance. Prep for Oct 4 Council Meeting.

Marran Dodds - 22.75 hours

- *Committees/Meetings*
 - Outreach portfolio
 - Executive committee
 - Leads meeting
 - Finance and operations committee
 - Policy development committee
 - Board meeting
 - Member outreach and engagement committee
- *Ongoing Projects/Collaborations*
 - Housing advocacy
 - Met with UVic Executives to brainstorm advocacy strategies
 - AGM
 - Planning meetings
 - Outreach planning
 - Emails
 - General Organizing → Finding chair, territory acknowledgement, prizes, setting sequence of events
 - Creating agenda and developing policy
 - EQHR
 - 5 days of action sub committee
 - Outreach

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Research, write an edited the statement, writing copy
 - Finding UVSS members to sit on UVic committees
 - OSL
 - Monthly equity connect meeting
- *Administrative and Other*
 - Emails, administration, and organizing
 - Held office hours
 - Meeting with a student!!!

Robin Pollard (Hours: 25.5)

General

- BOD meeting
- Committee meetings (campaigns, events, policy, outreach etc!)
- Exec and Leads meetings
- Emails and admin
- SOSC UG Curriculum Committee Meeting

SHIFT

- Post for anti-Asian racism survey

Divest

- Meetings (ongoing:)
- Agenda making and organization
- SFU solidarity post
- SFU communications
- Martlet interview

Make Transit Work

- Meeting with Lisa

Safer Use

- Meeting with Ashley from HRC
- HRC handbills draft up
- Naloxone training socials

LGC

- Big group SVEASC Meeting
- Reporting practices ongoing convos

Rent with Rights

- Ongoing meetings with Jim Dundson, Jennifer V and UVic execs about affordable housing

Community Relations

Budget Brief final revisions

Joshua Fassnacht (10.5 hours)

- ISR Portfolio 6.5 hours)
- JF+SP - (1 hour)
- International student MH research (1 hour)
- International tuition & MSP planning (1 hours)

- JF+Nahid of GSS (1.5 hours)
- International events planning - Int'l Ed Week (1 hour)
- Committee planning (1 hour)
- Policy Committee (1 hour)
- Divest Committee (1 hour)
- Emails & Admin (2 hours)

Deborah Berman (2.25 hours)

- Portfolio Meeting (0.75 hours)
- Policy Development Committee (0.25 hours)
- Member Outreach Committee (0.75 hours)
- Social Media Planning for AGM (0.5 hours)

Nigel Bisnar (4.75 hours)

- CSAP Workshop & Prep (2.5hrs)
- FinOps Committee (0.75hrs)
- Policy Development Committee (0.25hrs)
- Divest Meeting (1hr)
- Ecofoot TOR Revisions (0.25hrs)

Kishal Scholz (0.75 hours)

- Correspondence (0.25 hours)
- 5 Days of Action Institutional Action Working Group (0.5 hours)

Kathleen Banville (7.25 hours)

- sept 24 food bank and free store volunteering, community garden volunteering 3 hours
- sept 27 board meeting and correspondence 1.5 hours
- sept 28 member portfolio, policy committee, correspondence 2 hours
- sept 29 member outreach committee 45 min

Shilpa Parveen (2.5 hours)

- Meeting with the director of ISR [1 hour]
- Board meeting [1.5 hour]

Rowan Froese (3 hours 45 minutes)

- Board Meeting (1 hr)
- Fin Ops Committee Meeting (45 mins)
- Volunteer Shift at FB (2 hrs)

Hailey Chutter (2 hours 40 min)

- BOG meeting (40 min)
- Divest Meeting/document (2 hours)

Siddharth Pathak (2 hours)

- Email Voting (1hr)
- Board Meeting (1hr)

Kritika Gupta (3 hours)

- PSC workshop prep

Kai Muir (2 hours)

- ARC 1hr
- Work-study hiring .5 hrs
- Email/communications .5 hrs

Delicia Jacobs (30 hours)

- housekeeping: emails, phone calls etc. (5 hours)
- meetings: committee(s), SSD meetings, outside stakeholders etc. (5 hours)
- planning, preparing and organization: social media, document editing and reviewing etc. (7 hours)
- disability justice survey: meetings, research and consults (2 hours)
- providing feedback/consulting/evaluating: reviewing documents etc. and providing feedback to re-evaluate from an SSD perspective (5 hours)
- organization specific to becoming interim president and co-chair of the SSD (5 hours)

Gina Tran (2 hours)

- Board meeting 1 hr
- Misc. activities 1hr